

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION OF HANDLOOM AND HANDICRAFT ITEMS

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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the production of handloom and handicraft items has increased during last three years;
- (b) if so, the year-wise details of the quantum of handloom and handicraft items produced in the country during each of the last three years, State-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to promote handloom and handicraft industry in the country especially in Jammu & Kashmir?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA)

(a) & (b) The handlooms and handicrafts sector are highly decentralized and it is difficult to collect accurate data on production. However, in the case of handloom sector the Office of the Textiles Commissioner estimates the quantum of production of handloom cloth from the delivery of hank yarn in the domestic market. According to these estimates the production of handloom cloth was 7585 million sq. meters in 2001-02, 5980 million sq. meters in 2002-03 and 5518(P) million sq. meters in 2003-04. One of the factors may be the fiscal changes made by the Ministry of Finance in the textile sector, for example imposition of excise duty on hank yarn. During the current year this has been withdrawn and therefore the trends in production may again change during the next two years.

However, the export figures have been increasing for both handlooms and handicrafts items in the last 3 years as follows:

Exports of Handlooms and Handicrafts

Year	Handlooms (Rs. in crore)	Handicrafts (Rs. in crore)
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2001-2002	2064.94	9205.63
2002-2003	2633.27	10933.67
2003-20004	N.A.#	12765.18

(c) The Government of India is implementing various schemes to promote handloom industry in the country including Jammu & Kashmir. The details of the scheme being implemented are as under:-

1. Deen Dayal Hathkargha Prothshahan Yojana
2. Handloom Export Scheme
3. Marketing Promotion Programme
4. Design Development & Training Programme
5. Integrated Handloom Training Programme
6. Mill Gate Price Scheme
7. Workshed cum Housing Scheme
8. Weavers Welfare scheme
9. Bunkar Bima Yojna
10. Implementation of Handloom (Reservation of Articles for Production) Act 1985
11. 10% Rebate on Handloom products

The steps taken for development and promotion of handicraft sector in the country include: implementation of schemes for Design &

Technology Upgradation; Marketing & Support Services; Export Promotion; Training & Extension; Research and Development etc. Integrated development of craft clusters is also being taken up by organizing the artisans into Self Help Groups under Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana (AHVY).

In addition, a Special Economic Package has been announced for the State of Jammu & Kashmir which includes the following projects:

- a) Setting up of a Weavers' Service Centre in Jammu & Kashmir
- b) Integrated Wool and Woollen Tweed Development Project
- c) Integrated Development for promotion of export of Carpet and Handicrafts.

{# Separate export data for handloom products from the year 2003-04 onwards is not}
{available due to absence of separate ITC(HS) Codes for the handloom products.}